
Application by and Testimonials

IN FAVOUR OF

GEORGE THOMAS BEATSON,

B.A. (CANTAB.), M.D. (EDINB), L.R.C.S.E.,

CANDIDATE

FOR THE

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL EXAMINER

IN

CLINICAL SURGERY

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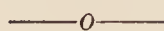
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*To the RIGHT HONOURABLE AND HONOURABLE
THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.*

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I desire respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the appointment of Additional Examiner in Surgery in the University of Glasgow, and I submit for your consideration the following statement and testimonials in favour of my application.

I am a Doctor of Medicine (with honours) of the University of Edinburgh, and a Member (by Examination) of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. I have also taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Cambridge.

My whole period of medical study was spent at the University of Edinburgh, and during my studentship I devoted special attention to Practical Anatomy, as well as to Practical Medicine and Surgery, in the wards of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

In that Institution I was Resident Surgeon for a short time to the late Professor Spence, and for three months I had charge of the Clinical Surgical Wards under Professor Lister.

After graduation, with a view of still further gaining experience in my profession, I filled the post of Senior House Surgeon to the Newcastle Infirmary for a period of eighteen months.

In 1878 I settled in Glasgow, and since then I have been engaged in general practice. I have, however, during the whole of my professional life, devoted careful attention to the department of Surgery.

In 1882 I was appointed University Assistant to the late Sir George Macleod, Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow; and in the same year, being elected to the Surgical Staff of the Western Infirmary, I became his Hospital Assistant, helping him in the training of his Clinical Class.

Since 1882 I had on several occasions to lecture and examine for the late Sir George Macleod in his absence, and I also regularly took charge of his wards in the Western Infirmary when he was off duty.

From 1882 to 1889, when I became Assistant Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, I also conducted classes for Clinical instruction in the Surgical Out-Patient Department of that Hospital, and in this way gained considerable experience in the teaching and requirements of students.

In 1892 I was appointed Additional Examiner in Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, a post I still hold, but which I would relinquish should I be successful in my present application.

Appended is a list of some of the Surgical Papers which, from time to time, I have published in the different Medical Journals.

In support of my qualifications and fitness for the office I now seek, I desire to offer the accompanying testimonials, three of which were given me on my application for the Edinburgh Examinership.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

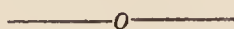
Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE T. BEATSON.

LIST OF PUBLISHED SURGICAL PAPERS.

- On the Origin and Composition of the Bodies found in Compound Ganglia. *Journal of Anatomy and Physiology*, vol. xiii.
- On the Exciting Causes of Expense in the Antiseptic Treatment of Wounds. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, March, 1879.
- On Sturdy in Sheep in its Relation to Cerebral Localisation. *Journal of Anatomy and Physiology*, vol. xiv.
- On the Diagnosis of Malignant Abdominal Tumours. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, July, 1879.
- On Carbolic Acid as used in Lister's Antiseptic System. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, January, 1880.
- On Boracic Acid, Salicylic Acid, Chloride of Zinc, and Iodoform. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, February, 1880.
- On the Antiseptic Gauze. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, March, 1880.
- Remarkable Injury from the Bursting of a Shell. *British Medical Journal*, 3rd April, 1880.
- On Carbolised Catgut. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, July, 1880.
- On Antiseptic Sutures. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, September, 1880.
- On Sponges and Antiseptic Drainage. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, November, 1880.
- On Spray Producers. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, December, 1880.
- On the Administration of Chloroform. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, January, 1885.
- Two Cases of Gastro-Enterostomy. *Lancet*, 11th October, 1890.
- On a Case of Fatty Tumour of the Thigh simulating Sarcoma. *Glasgow Medical Journal*, October, 1891.

TESTIMONIALS.



From the late SIR GEORGE H. B. MACLEOD, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,
Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow,
and Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen in Scotland.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
 December, 1891.

DR. GEORGE BEATSON has for several years assisted me in teaching my class here and also at the hospital. He has had very ample experience in everything connected with the instruction of large classes in both systematic and clinical surgery. In the examination of advanced students he has specially been employed on certain days of the week, and he reads the written papers connected with my class. I mention these details to show that DR. BEATSON has enjoyed very extensive opportunities of perfecting himself as an Examiner in Surgical Science; and if I add that he is remarkably well informed on every branch of his profession, and in all the more recent developments of Surgery, I have said enough to justify me in supporting his claims to the Assessorship in Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, for which he is a candidate. There is no one I would myself sooner have associated with me in the difficult and responsible work of examination than DR. BEATSON.

GEORGE H. B. MACLEOD.

From GEORGE BUCHANAN, LL.D., M.D., *Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Glasgow.*

193 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 29th December, 1891.

I HAVE much pleasure in recommending DR. BEATSON for the office of Examiner in Surgery to the University of Edinburgh. Few men can present higher qualifications for that office.

DR. BEATSON has devoted himself principally, though not exclusively, to Surgery since he commenced practice; but, in addition, he has had an exceptionally extended training for a Teacher and Examiner in Surgery. For seven years he acted as Dispensary Surgeon to an Out-Patient Department of the Western Infirmary, and since then has been Assistant Surgeon, and during the whole of that time he has acted as Clinical Assistant in the Wards under the charge of Sir Geo. Macleod—teaching and examining the Students, and occasionally taking whole charge during absences of the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Wards. He has also acted as Class Assistant in Sir G. Macleod's class of Surgery in the University. So that he has not only a large experience in Practical Surgery, but is familiar with the mode of dealing with Students—a very important matter in the selection of an Examiner.

I have no hesitation in saying that he would be a most able and conscientious Examiner, and a most agreeable colleague to the Professor of Surgery.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

*From WILLIAM T. GAIRDNER, LL.D., M.D., Professor of Medicine
in the University of Glasgow, and Physician in Ordinary
to the Queen in Scotland.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
30th December, 1891.

I CAN, in the most unqualified terms, recommend DR. T. GEORGE BEATSON as one likely, from his previous experience in surgical teaching and practice, to discharge with unusual efficiency the duties of Examiner in Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, of which he is a graduate.

Ever since he settled in Glasgow, more than a dozen years ago, he has been known to me as devoting himself in a very special manner to Surgery, and during the greater part of this time he has been one of my colleagues in the Western Infirmary. In many difficult emergencies, when Sir George Macleod has not been immediately available as the surgeon specially attached to my wards, DR. BEATSON'S services have been required, and I am, therefore, in every way in a position to speak with the utmost confidence of his great ability and practical knowledge and experience. On the other hand, I have had reason to know that, both in systematic and clinical teaching, he has been kept in touch with medical students, and that his methods of teaching have proved acceptable to them. I am far from saying that without such experience it is impossible to be a good examiner, but I do say that the personal contact of a good teacher with the students of another school forms the best possible training for an extra professorial examiner in so important an University as Edinburgh. DR. BEATSON has thus, in my opinion, acquired a claim of a very distinctive kind to such an appointment, and as being myself a graduate of Edinburgh University, and long a teacher in the Edinburgh Medical School, I can wish him all success, as one peculiarly well fitted for the work

W. T. GAIRDNER.

*From JOHN CHIENE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Professor of Surgery
in the University of Edinburgh.*

26 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, 26th April, 1895.

DEAR BEATSON,

I have examined with you for three years in the University of Edinburgh, and I desire to express my opinion that you have that combination of knowledge and true kindness which goes to make the typical examiner. I can speak in no higher terms of anyone.

Yours very truly,

JOHN CHIENE.